

**ABSTRACT**

Providing access to database objects is described. An object selection area capable of presenting representations of a plurality of database objects is displayed. Each of the database objects is associated with one of a plurality of predetermined contexts. A plurality of panels are capable of presenting portions of data belonging to database objects selected in the object selection area. Some panels are relevant to more than one of the contexts. An input from the user selecting a database object presented in the object selection area is received. A panel selection control associated with the context of the selected database object is displayed. The control provides that the user can select for display any panel that is relevant to the selected object's context. Any of the selectable panels that are relevant also to a different context can also be selected in a panel selection control associated with the different context.

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